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HIGHEST QUALITY AWARDS

#### ASHLEY

Children's day at Ashley church Sunday morning, June 9.

Miss Jones of Grand Rapids was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Hall over Sunday.

This week Thursday afternoon ladies who wish to sew for Red Cross, come to Mrs. Clint Green's. There was a good attendance at Mrs. Clyde Allchin's last week and much work is being done.

Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Storey and children and Mrs. Carmell Storey were callers at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rasmussen's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beardslee were callers on Mrs. John Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Howe were the guests of relatives at her daughter's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Mont of Greenville were callers at Louis Jenks' Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Godfrey went to Kent City Sunday to see Mrs. Frank McArthur who is very low with pneumonia and found her in a very serious condition.

Miss Nellie Beardslee was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lawrence.

Martin Snyder writes from Georgia that he is soon to be moved again and expected to be "somewhere over there."

#### ASHLEY

The Red Cross will meet at the home of Mrs. Clint Green Thursday afternoon. Everyone invited. The meeting held at Chloe Allchin's was well attended and everyone sewed to beat the kaiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and family, H. S. Ellis and wife were callers Sunday at the home of Frank Lincoln, east of Greenville.

Othel Nielsen, a son-in-law of Frank Lincoln, had an arm severely injured Tuesday while operating a tractor for Mr. Lincoln. The right arm was broken and the muscles were torn. He was bruised in other ways about the body. He is in the Greenville hospital and doing as well as can be expected but is in much pain. Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen, who was formerly Ruth Lincoln, have our sincerest sympathy.

The Young People's Canning club will meet at the home of Louie Emmons next Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Godfrey were visitors of her father, Frank McArthur of Kent City last Sunday to see their mother, Mrs. Leah McArthur who is seriously ill.

Victor Ellis and Vivian Godfrey visited their aunt, Fannie McArthur all day Sunday, after church.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stevens, Everett Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and Victor drove to Ionia Friday evening to see Mr. Joslin who had his hands burned that morning from boiling tar he was preparing to fix the roof with. The tar boiled over and exploded blowing out every pane of glass in the kitchen and burning the frame work in the room. The house was saved but only with quick work with pails of water.

R. A. Longstreet is laid up with lumbago.

Robert Wood and family, R. A. Longstreet and wife, Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Cole were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard McArthur. Sunday evening Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Howell went to Chadwick to visit with Mrs. Wm. Moore and will leave next Friday for their return trip to the west after spending the winter with Mrs. Howell's brothers, John and R. A. Longstreet.

There will be a picnic at Byrne's landing on Pine Island lake. Everybody cordially invited. Bring something for the dinner at noon. It will be held Friday, May 24. If it rains the picnic will be held in the schoolhouse. Mrs. Mildred Donovan, teacher.

Ben Donovan, who has been ill a long time, does not improve very much in health.

Mrs. A. Gerardy, who has been in Belding hospital since the early part of October, remains about the same, and although a patient sufferer, she dreads the coming of hot weather.

The Ellis family went fishing on Flat river Monday afternoon and got 12 large black suckers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher were over Sunday guests at Chas. Godfrey's.

There was a large attendance at church Sunday. Eighty remained for Sunday school. Rev. Ellis has begun a series of sermons on the character of the bible taking the life of the boy, Samuel, for his sermon Sunday which was most interesting.

Walter Reeves have a new Dodge car.

Miss Myrtle Jones of Grand Rapids visited her sister, Mrs. Ralph Hall and her brother, Tom Jones this week, returning Sunday.

Miss Norma Elkins of Butterworth hospital visited her aunt, Vera God-

frey, returning Monday to her work as a nurse.

A cable was received by friends here of Burr Smith which stated he had arrived safely overseas. A letter will doubtless soon follow telling of his experiences on the trip across.

The Otisco Red Cross meeting held at the home of Byron Brown was largely attended and everyone had an enjoyable time besides accomplishing a nice bit of sewing. There was a noticeable number of men there for supper with their pocketbooks which was appreciated by the ladies. Miss Dorothy Brown gave several interpretative dances which were very graceful and proved her somewhat of an artist in that line.

Lightning struck Floyd Jenks' barn Sunday evening but no serious damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Douglas and daughter, Agnes, were Sunday guests of Floyd Jenks and family and they all attended church.

Covenant meeting at the church on Saturday afternoon. Bring the little folks so they can practice for Children's day. Church services on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Be sure and come; we need you.

#### SMYRNA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loomis of Belding were the Sunday guests of Robert Earle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Douglas, Chas. Holliday and Mrs. Geo. Hanks motored to Ionia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray King of Belding were Sunday visitors at the home of Geo. Hanks.

Ed. Foreman of Rockford was the Sunday guest of Henry Harris and family.

Ed. Insley was in Belding Friday night to attend the Harold Jarvis recital.

Geo. Hanks was the guest of Geo. Davis and family last Wednesday.

Mrs. E. W. Condon is in Greenville this week sewing for Mrs. Geo. Keller who expects to go to Rochester, Minn., to take treatments of the Mayo Bros.

Don't forget that the Lady Macabees serve dinner here at the Macabees hall on Decoration day to the G. A. R. and W. R. S. and S. & D. of V. and any one else who wishes to buy dinner for 35 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Insley, Mrs. Geo. Hoppough and Gayla Penton were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Dr. A. B. Penton, who was operated on for appendicitis at Butterworth hospital last Wednesday, is doing as well as could be expected.

Miss Mabel Brown was a Grand Rapids visitor last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Hanks were the Tuesday guests of their brother, Geo. and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks were the Sunday visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. John Regan and children of Belding were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Tobbell.

Mrs. Helen Purdy has returned from Belding where she has been all winter. She says she always returns when the robins come.

#### BRINK

Mrs. Clarence Snow and daughter, Hazel, motored to Greenville Saturday afternoon to visit Mrs. Snow's sister-in-law, Mrs. Shepard who was to go to Ann Arbor to be operated on for cancer. They returned Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Phillips and Willie visited her son, Geo. Phillips and wife, also Chas. Russell and Mr. Sawyer Sunday. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips and Mrs. Wm. Phillips and Willie motored to Greenville to visit Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Phillips and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Mert Eaves came out for an evening and brought little Margaret Phillips who had been their dinner guest from Sunday school. They stayed for lunch and until the storm waned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ensley and his brother-in-law, 87 years old, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kohn were dinner guests of Mrs. Josephine Shindorf and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scheidt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Chickering of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Orth of Ionia and Mr. and Mrs. Hi Olds and daughter, Bernice of Smyrna visited Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chickering on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Woodbridge and Miss Elizabeth Brown, teacher in the Lambertson district and Misses Sue and La Lambertson called on Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. O. A. Nummer called on Mrs. W. E. Leach Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lyppa motored out Thursday night to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe's and brought Mrs. Howe some flowers and a box of delicious strawberries for which she thanks them very much. All enjoyed the visit.

Father Wiley left Tuesday morning for Detroit to visit his daughter, Mrs. Will Fish. He had been at the home of his son, Geo. Wiley and wife for a year. That place felt like home to him. George told him if he didn't like it there to come back and it will be a home for him. We will all miss him in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson and son Ray visited the latter's father, J. D. Strain and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe and were dinner guests and in the afternoon they motored to Keene and visited the former's mother, Mrs. Byron Rich. As they returned home Mrs. Anderson and son remained over till Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Towne and son Herbert visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loomis Saturday night.

Father Wiley and Derwol Snow called on M. L. Howe Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leach and daughter, Esther were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Krick and in the afternoon they motored to Moseley to visit Mr. and Mrs. Vern Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snow and Mr. and Mrs. Burt Snow and daughter of Ionia visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark of Belding and Burt and family came home with his father and mother for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper and Katherine motored to Maple Rapids Saturday and visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Donelson and Sunday they all motored to St. Johns and visited Mrs. Maggie Payne and family, a sister of Mrs. Cooper.

#### COOK'S CORNERS

Percy Sussex and family of Detroit, Steve Mehney and family from St. Johns and John Mehney and family and Herb Mehney and wife spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Mehney.

C. L. Brown and wife called at Clair Gardens and Hinks Curtis Sunday afternoon.

Allen Kimberley of Ionia spent Friday and Sunday at his home here.

Duane Foss and children were the Sunday callers at Wm. Foss's.

Elliot Chadwick and wife of Ionia spent Sunday at M. Kohn's.

Mrs. Ben Boss, M. S. Boss and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kimberley enjoyed an auto trip to McBrides Sunday and visited at Ralph Bentley's.

Mrs. Archie Swears has been on the sick list the past week.

Walter Reeves is driving a new Dodge.

Robert Abbott and wife of Howard City spent Sunday at F. L. Reeves'.

Harry Moore and wife of Grattan visited his sister and family, Mrs. Fred J. Reeves.

B. J. Storey and family spent Sunday at A. S. Dimmick's in Belding.

Leo Richmond and family spent Sunday at Del Smith's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Belding entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belding and friends from Rockford Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Miller a seven pound son, Tuesday night.

Archie Swears is spending the week with his parents near Shilo.

Mrs. Henry Werner is doing nicely after having a critical operation for gall stones; she is at the Belding hospital.

Miss Flossie Brooks of Belding spent Sunday with Miss Burl Mason.

Rufus Morse and wife and Mrs. Emily Morse and Mrs. J. L. Morse spent Sunday with Leslie Sykes and wife near Saranac.

Allen B. Morse and family of Ionia called on relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Adelia Brown spent Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Ida Deitz.

Ben Boss and family and M. S. Boss and wife enjoyed a fishing trip Monday.

C. M. Hubbard and wife called on Ed. Reeves Sunday.

Mrs. B. J. Storey attended the funeral of Mrs. Charles Whitten at Grattan Friday.

Remember the Red Cross meeting every Wednesday afternoon at the Clearer hall. Bring your needle and thimble and two cents for collection to buy thread. All welcome. We begin work at 1:30. We appreciate the two recent donations, that of Bert Fisk of \$5.00 and the one of Mel Richmond for \$2.00.

W. L. Reeves and family spent Sunday at John Reeves' in Orleans.

Miss Clara Sowers is assisting Mrs. Fred J. Reeves with her housework.

Miss Helen Boss spent Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rich.

#### GRATTAN

Most every man's ambition is to make his boy a man; Most every boy's ambition is to do the worst he can.

Regular meeting of F. & A. M. will be held this Saturday evening. There are candidates; visiting brothers are welcome.

Another good woman called, Mary, wife of Charles Whitten and a life long resident of Grattan, departed this life Wednesday morning, May 15 at her home after a long illness. She was a patient sufferer, always looking on the bright side. She leaves besides her husband, five children, Millie who so tenderly cared for her and who will miss the vacant chair, Lena, Merritt, Clair, who was unable to be here as he is in the U. S. navy, and Dewite, the youngest son who will miss a loving mother; her mother, Mrs. Lucy Stocking and an only sister, Mrs. Alice Wood and a host of relatives and friends who will miss her genial smile and cheerful words. She was an active member of the M. E. L. A. S. and A. O. O. G. Her star has ascended, her life's work is ended. She will now be numbered by the good she has done.

Mrs. Ida Matice is still confined to her bed with little change in her condition.

There was a large attendance at the Chapter Saturday evening. There were visitors from Rockford, Oregon, Grand Rapids and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Don't forget the dancing party at F. & A. M. hall Friday evening this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Breshnam Sunday morning, May 12, a daughter.

Miss Amy Madison of Sparta is spending a few days with her parents here.

#### The War Mother

You have given the world the best you had At the call of your country's need, Part of your body and part of your soul For a cause that is now a creed, Lift high your head in a holy pride, In your gift that the world might live, Pity the women who love their land And have no sons to give.

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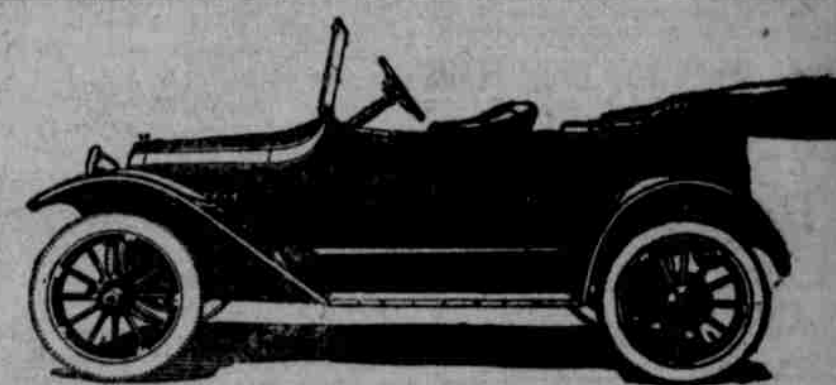
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